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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/581,109

Applicant(s)

VON DEYN ET AL.

Examiner

NANNETTE HOLLOMAN

Art Unit

1612

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF 298)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on August 12, 2008. All previous rejections have been withdrawn unless stated below.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 (Previous Rejection)

Claim 18 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant's Argument

Applicant states for clarity, it is noted that the terms "animal, plant and synthetic" in line 4 modify the term "fiber" in line 5 such that the non-living organic materials include animal fibers, plant fibers, and synthetic fibers. Applicant argues that it is known in the art that the phrase "non-living organic materials" to be any non-living material that has a substantially organic nature. Applicant further argues that the inclusion of "fresh or decaying fruits" or "trees" as non-living organic materials would not lead to contradiction because "non-living" merely implies that only harvested fruits or trees are included in the meaning of the phrase. These arguments are found partially persuasive

Examiner's Response

In response to the fibers, this is found persuasive and those terms are removed from the rejection, however, "trees" remains rejected. Applicant's assertion that the meaning of "non-living" merely implies that only harvested trees are included in the meaning of the phrase, is not set forth in the specification and is therefore not found persuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 (Previous Rejection)

Claims 15-17, 19-20 and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Furch et al. (EP 0604798). This rejection is maintained.

Applicant's Argument

Applicant argues Furch et al. relates to plant protection in the agricultural field and discloses the insecticidal and acaricidal activity of N-arylhydrazine derivatives and other compounds against crop pest. These arguments are not found persuasive.

Examiner's Response

In regard to Furch et al., in claim 1 Furch et al. disclose a method for the control of insect or acarid pests which comprises contacting said pests or their food supply or habitat or breeding grounds with an N-arylhydrazine derivative as claimed by applicant. Included in the insect species are ants, bees and wasps (Hymenoptera) as disclosed by the Columbia Encyclopedia, and are disclosed by Applicant as non-crop pest

(specification, p. 3, lines 18) in instant claims 16-17 and 23-26. Therefore the reference encompasses the instant claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103 (Previous rejection)

Claims 18, 21-22 and 27-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furch et al. and in further view of Drabb, Jr. (US Patent No. 4,152,436). This rejection is maintained.

Applicant's Argument

See Applicant's arguments and Examiner's response above in regards to Furch et al. Applicant noticed that claims 34-36 have not been explicitly addressed in the Office Action. Applicant argues the Office Action provides no rational, articulation, or reasoned basis to explain why the conclusion of obviousness is correct. Applicant further argues Drabb discloses a structurally different compound.

Examiner's Response

In regards to claims 34-36, Examiner inadvertently did not include these claims in the rejection line, however, Applicant is directed to p.6, lines 1-2 of the Office Action filed on March 13, 2008, wherein the subject matter of instant claims 34-36 is addressed.

In regards to Drabb, Jr., the referenced art is disclosed to list the method of treatment, protection of non-living organic material, livestock, and humans. Drabb, Jr. further disclosed the use of a compound as bait, which poses little or no hazard to non-target organisms that may frequent the infested area (column 5, lines 66-68). The rationale as disclosed in the Office Action p.6, is to protect houses, animals and humans, and therefore one would be motivated to make the baits of Drabb, Jr. with the compounds of Furch et al.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANNETTE HOLLOMAN whose telephone number is (571) 270-5231. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 800am-500pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass can be reached on 571-272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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